

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 - 20 is acknowledged.

By the present amendment in the accompanying RCE, the claims have been amended to utilize more appropriate terminology and to avoid possible ambiguity in the allowed claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should continue to be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 389.45203X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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